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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6691

BILL NUMBER: HB 1188

DATE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Jail Inspections.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to inspect each county jail at least one time each year. It provides that the DOC commissioner may recommend that a grand jury be convened to tour and inspect a county jail, if the jail is noncompliant for at least six months.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current law, DOC is required to inspect jails at least twice per year. Under this bill, DOC would only be required to inspect jails once each year. DOC indicates that this bill would allow for current staff to be more efficiently used for jail inspections. DOC reports that two staff members currently inspect county jails.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill also provides that the DOC commissioner may recommend that a grand jury be convened to tour and inspect a county jail, if the jail is noncompliant for at least six months. Grand juries consist of a panel of six members and one alternative (IC 35-34-2-2). Members of a grand jury may receive reimbursement for travel, as well as \$15 for each day the juror is in actual attendance in court until the jury is impaneled, and \$40 for each day the juror is in actual attendance after impaneling and until the jury is discharged (IC 33-19-1-4).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: County jails.

Information Sources: Randy Koester, Department of Correction.